

Claims

1. A method for informing a lawful interception system
5. of the serving system

serving an intercepted target (MS)

roaming within a communication network
system,

the communication network system comprising

10 at least one serving system

each serving system comprising

at least one serving system node (SGSN) serving
the intercepted target for communication,

the method comprising the steps of:

15 first detecting a serving system node change request

(1.) from the intercepted target (MS) towards a new serving
system node which is currently not serving the target,

first processing said serving system node change
request at said new serving system node currently not
20 serving the target, wherein said processing comprises the
inclusion, to the request, of a serving system address of
the new serving system node currently not serving the
target, and

first forwarding said processed request (2.) to an old
25 serving system node currently serving the target.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein

said old serving system node currently serving the
target informs the interception system of the serving
30 system address of the new serving system node.

3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising

second detecting at least one active communication
context for said target, and in response thereto,

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generating a communication context update request to which is included the serving system address of the new serving system node currently not serving the target, and

5 second forwarding said generated request (6.) to a gateway serving system node (GGSN) of the serving system currently serving the intercepted target.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein

10 said gateway serving system node (GGSN) informs the interception system of the serving system address of the new serving system node.

5. A method according to claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein

15 said serving system address of the new serving system node represents information about the serving system to which said new serving node belongs.

6. A method according to claim 5, wherein

20 said information about the serving system to which said new serving node belongs comprises at least one of the following information items: serving node MSISDN number, serving node routing area identifier, serving node address.

7. A method according to claim 6, wherein

25 said serving node routing area identifier contains information items representative of a mobile country code MCC, mobile network code MNC, location area code LAC, and routing area code RAC.

30 8. A serving system node of a serving system,

the serving system node

being adapted to serve an intercepted target (MS) for communication, and

being connectable to a lawful interception system,

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the serving system node comprising:

first detection means adapted for first detecting a serving system node change request (1.) from the intercepted target (MS),

5 first processing means adapted for first processing said serving system node change request, wherein said processing is adapted to include, to the request, a serving system address of the serving system node, and

10 first forwarding means adapted for first forwarding said processed request (2.) to another serving system node currently serving the target.

9. A serving system node according to claim 8, comprising informing means adapted to inform the interception

15 system of the serving system address of a new serving system node, said informing means being active in case said serving system node is currently serving the target.

10. A serving system node according to claim 8, further

20 comprising

second detection means adapted for second detecting at least one active communication context for said target, and generation means, controlled by said second detection means, and adapted for generating a communication context update request to which is included the serving system address of the serving system node, and

25 second forwarding means adapted for second forwarding said generated request (6.) to a gateway serving system node (GGSN) of the serving system currently serving the 30 intercepted target.

11. A serving system node according to claim 8, 9, or 10, wherein

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said serving system address of the serving system node represents information about the serving system to which said new serving node belongs.

- 5 12. A serving system node according to claim 11, wherein
said information about the serving system to which
said serving node belongs comprises at least one of the
following information items: serving node MSISDN number,
serving node routing area identifier, serving node address.
- 10 13. A serving system node according to claim 12, wherein
said serving node routing area identifier contains
information items representative of a mobile country code
MCC, mobile network code MNC, location area code LAC, and
15 routing area code RAC.